



# How NiKan

*People of the Fire*

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## FireLake Casino

### *expansion opens to large crowds*

Seven months of construction, renovation, and assembly of gaming machines is finished. Gamers from across Oklahoma and neighboring states are enjoying a major expansion of gaming space at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake Casino.

The \$7 million-plus investment means more variety for gamers, some 150 additional jobs for Shawnee and an opportunity for the CPN to earn more "seed money" for business ventures and to support its government programs.

In October 2002, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation removed its Bowling Center equipment from the 21,000-square foot area in the east end

of its FireLake Casino building. That space is now occupied by 470 casino gaming machines and 12 Tournament Blackjack tables.

The casino now has a total of about 680 gaming machines. There are around 150 machines in the previous casino area. And, additional gaming machines were added in the Bingo hall, allowing customers to play Bingo and machine games simultaneously.

Linda Canada, FireLake Casino manager, is excited by the expansion and the opportunities it represents. "I've been here for 11 years; I've seen it grow from a Bingo hall to the small casino to the big, beautiful casino," Canada said. "It's exciting, I love it!"



Remodeled FireLake Entertainment Center

Assistant manager Jonas Jacobs has been at FireLake for six years. "We have a beautiful casino now, four times the size of what we had," he said.

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## Leadership/Internship Program

### *offers look at tribal functions*

Several Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members will have an opportunity to invest eight weeks of their summer in learning more about tribal operations while earning money for school expenses along with three hours of transferable college credit.

Tribal officials have announced the Potawatomi Leadership Program. The initial session, to be held in the summer of 2003, will be open to tribal members who will be high school seniors or college freshmen in the 2003-04 academic year.

PLP interns will arrive in Shawnee the final week in June. During that week, they will assist in final preparations for the annual CPN Family Reunion Festival.

The next six weeks, the interns will rotate among Potawatomi Nation tribal government departments. Their charge will be to observe the interaction

among the various departments and to assist with assigned tasks.

"We need to develop our pool of talent, to include all tribal members, not just those in Oklahoma," said Jeremy Finch, CPN Cultural Resources director. Finch, who was the Potawatomi Nation's Southern California Regional Director for 10 years, designed the PLP and will oversee it.

Finch said the leadership program will begin to address an information or perception gap. "There is a lack of knowledge about how fully modern our administrative operations are," he said.

"The PLP will bring in tribal members

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## New dining adventure available in Shawnee

As summer approaches, Shawnee area diners are discovering a new opportunity to challenge their palettes. Loretta Barrett Oden, a nationally known American Indian chef/food historian, has opened her new Corn Dance Cafe at FireLake.

The Corn Dance Cafe is located atop the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake Golf Course pro shop. Balcony diners are treated to a vista with lush greens, trees, abundant geese and frustrated duffers.

The menu is inspired by indigenous foods. It includes fruits, veg

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## BREAKING GROUND FOR CHILD CARE

Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee, the architect, directors of CPN programs, and workers in the CPN child care program gathered recently to break ground for a \$1.3 million expansion of the Potawatomi Nation's Two Star-rated child care center. From left in the front row, are: Rhonda Butcher, Wayne Sligar, CPN Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, Vicki Canfield, CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett, Child Care Director Donnette Littlehead, CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps, architect Bill Badgett, CPN Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Julio Sanchez, and Child Care Program assistant director Christie Williams. In the back row, left to right, are Art Muller, Robert Carlile, Jeremy Finch, Samantha Pleets, Rebecca Bussey, Jacy Villalobes, Kristen Jolie, Spring Cleveland, Janet Draper, Hollie Garcia, Joyce Abel and Carol Clay-Levi.

## The People of the Fire

*In a time when greed and the lust  
for evil,  
Plague our land,  
A fire burns in my heart,  
The light of love and freedom,  
In the love of Almighty God,  
Beckons me, like a light amidst the  
darkness.  
From my heart, this fire is a light of  
vision and hope.  
We are a people,  
And our heritage is not lost in time,  
The light of glory, yet reflects from  
our fathers,  
And this testimony, shines before us.  
I know of priesthood,  
The holy order of Christ,  
And of a promise made unto us.  
We are a chosen people in a chosen  
land.  
The years are as leaves, fallen in  
winter,  
But kept in the heart of God.  
His promise was unto our fathers,  
In the glory of their joy,  
And unto their posterity.  
Through your heart, the manna of  
your soul,  
And feel these words of glory.*

- Max Freeman Boatman  
February 2003

## Corn Dance:

### New Cafe Features Native Foods

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etables and grains native to North, Central and South America. Game meats and American Indian-inspired desserts complete the offerings.

American Bison (Buffalo) meat is featured. Oden described buffalo as "the way beef would love to taste." She said it is not gamy, is very lean and sweet, and is lower in fat and cholesterol than turkey breast.

"Corn Dance diners have been very pleasantly surprised. It is not scary; it's fun! It really is not that exotic," Oden said.

"Corn, beans, squash, tomatoes - all the things that have been grown here for so very long but haven't been credited to their proper origins" are found in many Corn Dance Cafe dishes.

"For instance, the potato is not Irish; the tomato is not Italian," Oden said.

The restaurant seats 170, with a private dining room that can accommodate 10 to 12. "Our goal is to offer a total dining experience," she said. "We have enough room for leisurely dining. I want The Corn Dance Cafe to become a Shawnee tradition," Oden added.

She described the restaurant's atmosphere as white tablecloth and a little upscale, but added that casual attire is appropriate.

The Corn Dance menu also includes

Oden's Little Big Pies, a pizza-like dish of air-baked flatbread that is topped with items ranging from Portobello mushrooms to barbecued buffalo.

It is Oden's "un-frybread."

"We have a children's menu featuring kid-friendly dishes with funny names," Oden said. Humor plays a role throughout the menu, which contains such dishes as the "General Custard

in a Little Big Horn" and "Chief Wampanoogie's Elbows-n-Cheese."

"It must be fun, or it's not worth doing," she said.

Over the past decade, Loretta Barrett Oden has gained a national following through frequent media and culinary event

appearances. For example, viewers of NBC's Today show awoke the day before Thanksgiving 2002 to a treat - a chance to learn about and how to prepare traditional American Indian foods for their holiday meal.

Oden dispensed the advice. Interviewer Ann Curry introduced the segment saying, "Before the Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving, Native Americans grew and harvested the food that influenced the holiday meal, as we know it today."

Oden credited "my grandmothers, my mom, my aunt" with teaching her about Indian foods and sparking an early interest in cooking.

"The kitchen is the place where we learn," Oden added. "Our culture, as any culture, is really about food."

Oden is one of the forces spearheading a Native foods renaissance. In addition to the Today Show appearance, she is filming a 13-part series, "Seasoned with Spirit - A Native Chef's Journey with Loretta Barrett Oden." The series is being produced by Seattle's PBS station (KCTS-TV) and Native American Public Telecommunications.

She is writing a companion cookbook with recipes she calls, "pre-Columbian and creative Native."

She is also a featured chef and Vining legacy artist in residence at Copia: The American Center for Wine, Food and The Arts in Napa Valley, founded by vintner Robert Mondavi and Julia Child. As such, she headlines Copia's Native cuisines dinners and demonstrations every October.

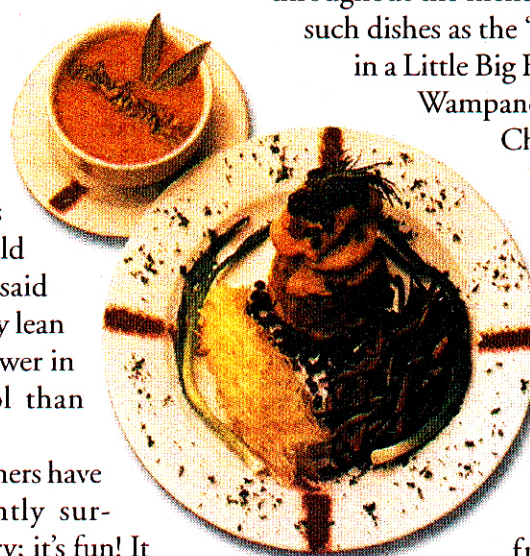
"I defy the stereotypical fry bread and mutton stew image of Indian foods," Oden says. "Native American people suffer the highest rate of diabetes on the planet. Our menu addresses many of these issues in a lusciously healthful manner."

"Food is the common denominator of all cultures," she adds. "I'm trying to heighten people's awareness that our indigenous peoples are as incredibly diverse as are the foods of the Americas."

Corn Dance Cafe patrons will encounter additional cultural experiences. Oden's own collection of Native art adorns the walls. She offers artists the opportunity to display their work.

Diners are treated to Native American music from Oden's extensive collection; she will host live entertainers and craft demonstrations.

"The Corn Dance Cafe is going to be ever-evolving, ever-changing," she said.





## M A I L B A G

Dear Mr. 'Rocky' Barrett,

My name is Elizabeth Bagley, and I am a tribal member. I am 22 years old and about to graduate college with a B.S. in Elementary Education.

I had the pleasure of representing our tribe this past summer in Washington. I was part of the WINS (Washington Internships for Native Students) program.

In Washington, I worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in their Department of Education and Office of Indian Education Programs. While there, I wrote a children's alphabet book about Native Americans. My mother did all the illustrations. This book is in the process of being published.

I am sending you a copy of the OIEP annual letter that they sent out this summer. I am on the second page.

I thought you would like to know

what the young people of the tribe are doing to better the Native Community.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Bagley  
Maitland, FL

(Editor's note - The OIEP newsletter reported: "Elizabeth is one of the four interns working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs this summer in Washington, D.C. She is 22 years old and was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. During the school year, Elizabeth is a student at the University of Central Florida located in Orlando, Florida, where she is majoring in Elementary Education. Elizabeth achieved this internship through a program called the WINS program. WINS stands for Washington Internships for Native Students. Elizabeth herself is part of the Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma. After all is said and done this summer, Elizabeth is hoping to leave feeling that she has a better understanding of what the BIA does and how the government of this great nation really works, as well.")

We want to thank the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for its assistance in our time of need. We haven't been able, in our later years, to maintain and keep up a home. We are in our retirement years and not able to work for income to take care of all our needs.

Because my wife Deloris is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, we contacted the Potawatomi Nation for housing assistance. They came to our aid, providing a new home for us that we might enjoy in our later years.

Everyone at the housing authority has been so gracious and pleasant to deal with. We want to thank all of them, especially Mr. Bob Carlile and Mr. Gary Russ, for being so nice and pleasant and so helpful. Of course, the ladies who work there are very pleasant and professional and deserve to be commended. We would also like to use this means to thank the personnel at the Elders Nutrition Site for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, especially Mrs. Denise Smith, Elder Programs Director, and Tammy Welbourne, the caregiver coordinator, for always being so helpful in many

ways. Of course, all of the personnel in the Title VI Program should be commended for jobs well done.

We thank all of you all so much for all that you do for us and we know the Lord will bless you. We love you as Christians.

Deloris and T.J. Lamirand

Dear Editor,

Since you often run pictures requesting if anyone can identify the individuals (in the photo), I was hoping that you might consider starting a continuing column where tribal members can make contact with each other to research their family roots.

I am currently researching my Peltier family. My great-great-grandfather was Alexander Peltier. He had four daughters - Alice, Caroline, Clarissa, and Catherine.

I am hoping that there is a Peltier genealogist who would contact me at TillDolly@msn.com.

Thank you,  
Mary Alice Mars  
Monrovia, Calif.

Mr. Charles Clark  
Scholarship Foundation  
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Dear Mr. Clark,

I wanted to thank you and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Scholarship Foundation for your generous award this spring of \$300.00 towards my seminary education. Your support has made it possible for me to attend Perkins. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate this generous gift. Thank you so much!

Grace and Peace,  
Michelle D. McCarty  
Perkins Student  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Charles Clark:

I just wanted to write you a quick note to tell you how much I appreciate the scholarship that I received. Every little bit helps when you are trying to work full-time and go to school full-time.

My grandmother was a part of the Potawatomi Tribe, which makes me part of it. I would really like to learn more about my background. I am taking a Native Peoples of North America course in school right now, and find it very interesting. Once again thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Joe Anna Hoogland

Scholarship Committee:

Well it has finally happened. I have reached the final semester of my bachelors degree program. In May of this year, 2003, I will participate in the commencement services here at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego. I will have completed a degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics that I never thought was not possible.

With the past four years of financial support from the Potawatomi Nation Scholarship Program, I have now accomplished my dream of a higher education. My degree has given me the capabilities to be successful in the business world and in today's marketplace. I have learned the importance of helping others when they are in need, and I thank you for helping me during my financial need throughout my college career.

During the next few years following college I will pursue a job in the financial community. I will be looking for ways to help people get through this time of economic recession and the possibility of war without reaching bankruptcy. I am confident in my abilities to help other people in need and allow them to share in my success for they are the measure of my success.

Your investment in my life has not only benefited me in my search for higher education but others I will come in contact with because of my degree. So, I thank you once again for your consistent involvement in my education and for investing your resources in me to in turn invest in the lives of others.

Thank you,  
Sarah Boland  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Candidate for Graduation  
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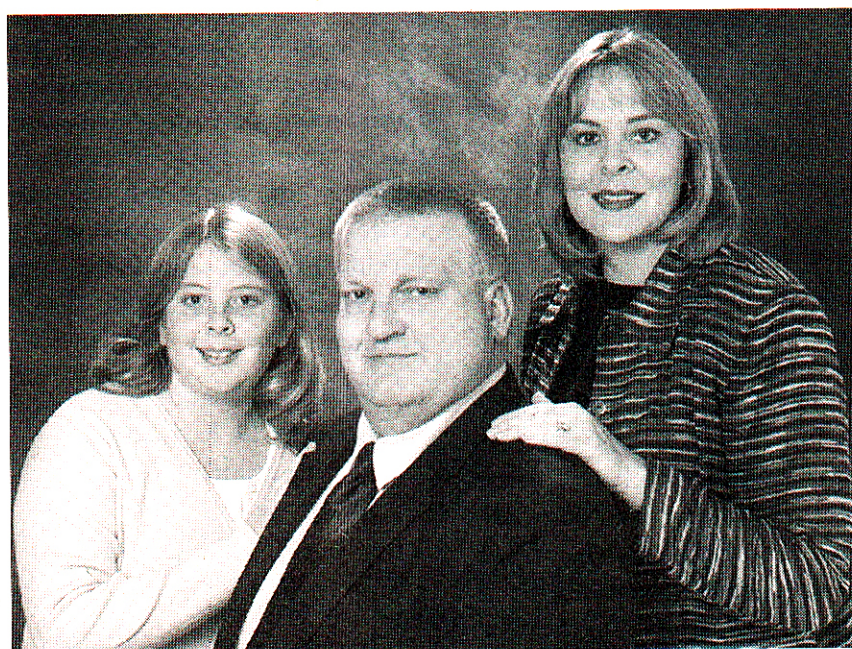
## ***Our Work Continues!***

*An important letter from*

***The Executive Officers of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation***

Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, and I thank you for re-electing Linda and electing D. Wayne in the 2002 election. But, our task is not complete.

Please elect a professional, competent, dedicated candidate in the 2003 Business Committee, Position Two election. Ms. Capps, Mr. Trousdale, and I endorse Jim Snow and ask for your support and vote for him.



*Jim Snow with his wife Jeralyn and daughter Jordyn*

***Your vote is critical! Please help.***



# Tribal Member Helps Design Smithsonian Exhibit

*"producing perfectly designed knives, swords, daggers and points"*



True artists have an aura. Dale Cannon, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member with more than a passing resemblance to Willie Nelson, presents that feel.

Cannon is a true master at flake-over grinding, producing perfectly designed knives, swords, daggers and points with alternate flakes.

His work demonstrates both a mastery of technique and a level of artistry that can only be attributed as a gift from God.

The Smithsonian Institution has acknowledged his work, inviting Cannon to Washington D.C. to help design a flintknapping exhibit for its new National Museum of the American Indian.

In June 2002, he sat in on meetings with curators, designers, and others to brainstorm the best way to display the museum's vast collection of Indian artifacts. The Smithsonian will also display some of Cannon's stone knives in the exhibit.

Set to open on Washington's Mall in 2004, the museum will hold exhibitions of the life, language, literature, history, and arts of the native peoples of the western hemisphere. The museum will be used as a "center for ceremonies, performances, educational programs and exhibition space for Indian arts, history, and material culture." Flintknapping will be featured as one of the Indian arts.

The Flintknapping exhibit will begin as a study collection. Study collections aim to bring as many of the Smithsonian's collections' objects as possible into public view.

Cannon assisted the museum on ways to install the objects to show them from across the hemisphere and also across time.

Cannon realizes the importance of seeing the face behind the object. "My grandfather was one-half Potawatomi," he said. "But that's not why I (knap). I was out in California in 1990 visiting

my brother who collected arrowheads. I went with him to look for artifacts, and found an arrowhead within fifteen minutes. I found myself face-to-face with a prehistoric (artifact). I came to grips with the person who made it. My brother showed me the basics and I became obsessed. I stopped fishing and hunting and just wanted to do this."

Among his duties at the Smithsonian, Cannon was filmed demonstrating flake-over grinding techniques for a potential touch screen video for the exhibit. The Smithsonian wants its visitors to know that people like Can-



Dale Cannon

non still flintknap. Even the staff at the museum didn't realize the numbers of people who still flintknap.

"There is a renaissance in the flintknapping world right now," Cannon said. He estimates that 5,000 western people are currently involved in it. Most have had to learn the craft from each other, as the native peoples did not pass down the skills across generations of their own, much less to white man.

And what he's learned, he has been eager to pass on to others. In addition to his videos, he has done flintknapping demonstrations for hundreds of people including judges, billionaires, teachers, homeless people, anyone who wants to learn.

The Smithsonian kept two of his pieces when he visited, and is currently approving the purchase of six to eight more. They want a variety of sizes, shapes and materials, from miniature

knives two-to-three inches long, up to a 24-inch, sword-type dagger.

Cannon reports that sales have increased and he has seen more interest for his work in the art market. Meantime, he travels to shows and knap-ins, does lectures and demonstrations, and continues to create beautiful pieces in jasper, marble, and other material.

Cannon will travel back to the Smithsonian in 2004 to do live demonstrations near the exhibit that houses his work. He has been humbled to see his talents rewarded in this way. "To have the Smithsonian verify me, it's a strange feeling. I am so honored and so pleased to have other people emulate my style and my work."

To see his work or to order knives or videos, visit Cannon's Web site at [www.futureartifacts.com](http://www.futureartifacts.com).

## Leadership:

### CPN Internship Opportunity

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of the internship in the Employment and Training Program computer lab, writing an essay detailing their experience in PLP. They will present that essay to the Business Committee and to assembled tribal members at the next Regional Meeting in their region.

In addition to the three hours of college transferable credit, the interns will earn a minimum wage salary for their eight weeks. From that, they will pay certain expenses, including transportation to and from Shawnee and a weekly stipend.

Upon successful completion of the program, what remains in each student's account will be paid out, to the student and a parent or guardian.

PLP participants will live in a dormitory at SGU, affording them the op-

portunity to experience college life.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has appropriated funds for this program from enterprise profits. The SGU housing costs will be paid for from CPN Housing Authority funds.

Finch says he especially hopes to attract tribal members from outside Oklahoma; however, the PLP is open to qualifying tribal members from within the state.

To qualify, the prospective intern must have a current 3.0 grade point average.

To apply, the prospective PLP participant need only fill out and return a one-page application that is on the Internet at [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org).

The Nation has also mailed applications to the approximately 1,800 tribal members who are 16 through 19 years old.

The application deadline for this first session of the Potawatomi Leadership Program is June 10, 2003.

An essay written by the student must accompany the application. Finch said the essay can be one written especially for application for PLP or one written

on any topic by the student at any time in the past.

Finch said his fondest hope is that, at some time in the future, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation elected official will point out with pride that he or she participated in the PLP as a teen.

"The Potawatomi Leadership Program is designed to educate, inform, and encourage qualified Potawatomi students to consider employment at the CPN as a positive career move," Finch said.

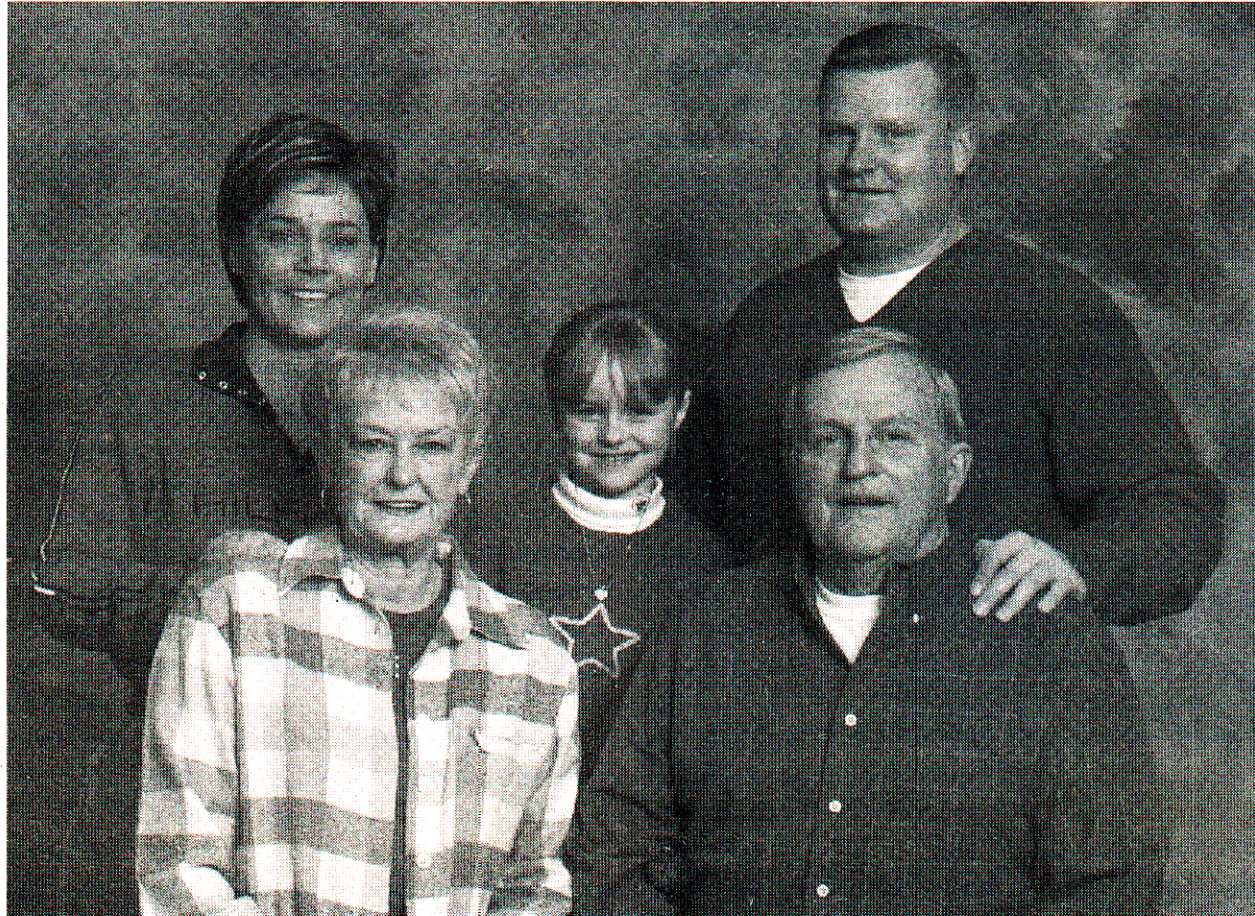
"We also hope to develop within the membership at large a more accurate perception of the tribe and its operations. An additional benefit is that the program is designed to inspire qualified tribal members to aspire to tribal leadership."

Finch credited St. Gregory's administrators for being open to the program and working hard to make it happen. "They have welcomed the presence of the PLP participants on their campus," he said. "And, they will administer the transferable college credit aspect of the program."



# *Hilton Melot*

## **Citizen Potawatomi Nation - Business Committee, Position #2**



### **LAW, FAMILY, AND SERVICE**

These are the pillars of the Potawatomi community - and the principles I will fight for as a member of the Business Committee. I support a new constitution for a new age for our tribe. However, it should be a constitution for ALL Potawatomi.

Two key sections of the current constitutional draft proposal will not advance the general interests of the tribe. First, Article VIII, Section I, B2 vests far too much spending authority in the tribal chairman or his designee. Second, Article XV, Section I places the operation of the tribal newspaper, the How-Ni-Kan, under the SOLE discretion of the tribal chairman.

In each case, the tribe is better served by vesting authority among more people and among several institutions, as is the case in our own federal government of checks and balances. As your Business Committee representative, I will fight to improve these constitutional provisions by giving the Business Committee more oversight of spending decisions and by creating an independent oversight board for the How-Ni-Kan, with the responsibility for picking its editor.

I have committed my life to serving my family, (my wife Romona, son Jason, daughter-in-law Devra and granddaughter Madalynne) and, for the past 18 years, my tribe. I believe this experience makes me the right person to continue to lead the Potawatomi into a new, cooperative age.

With a constitution that balances and protects the rights and privileges of ALL tribal members, the Potawatomi future will be bright. Give me the opportunity to help make that future. Give me the opportunity to serve you again on the tribal Business Committee.

## **VOTE FOR HILTON L. MELOT BUSINESS COMMITTEEMAN #2**



## Casino:

### Expansion Includes Table Games

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Canada calls addition of table games, such as Tournament Blackjack, something exciting and new for FireLake customers. "We'll have different machines (in the remainder of the casino) than we've had before," she added.

According to Jacobs, some of the new games, while being Class II-legal, will give the look, feel and excitement of games in full-blown casinos.

The addition will improve customers' comfort, also. "We've added a luxury non-smoking area," Jacobs said. A new system will exchange air in the entire casino seven times each hour to improve tobacco smoke removal.

Canada and Jacobs are proud of the top-notch level of customer service that dealers, floor workers and other FireLake Casino employees deliver. "We do everything we can to please customers and keep them in a comfortable atmosphere," Canada said.

An example is the fact that new gaming machines at FireLake have a playing face closer to the floor. "That's so the customer does not have to jump up on a tall stool to play," Canada explained. "They are sitting in a chair, with their feet on the floor, playing in a comfortable position."

Improvements have not been limited to retro-fitting the former bowling area for gaming. The outside of the casino has been repainted a light brown to match the neighboring FireLake Discount Foods and the CPN tribal administration building, located a few hundred yards away.

Renovations and updating are continuing in the FireLake Casino's off-track betting parlor and Bingo hall. The OTB area is being enlarged by 800 square feet. Something new for OTB patrons is a station that allows them to follow horse races and participate in casino-style games at the same time.

"A portion of the existing casino has been converted into an extremely nice area featuring individual gaming carrels

and betting stations," Jacobs said. "We have new furniture, new chairs, new paint."

Improvements extend into the FireLake Casino parking lot. It has been significantly increased in size. In addition, traffic control has been improved to decrease the possibility of accidents.

Five music acts and a magic/comedy team helped the Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcome large crowds to a grand opening celebration on Saturday, May 17. Spike and Hammer, the

comedy/magic act, performed from a stage and strolled among tables. The duo offered sleight-of-hand and card tricks, giving patrons an opportunity to experience them up-close.

The bands, including the fast-rising country act Rushlow, performed from a stage on the casino grounds on Saturday. Billy Dean, who has earned Country Music awards and had several hits, also entertained.

The remainder of the musical lineup included Harvey and the Wallbangers, a 'rock nostalgia' act from Oklahoma City that also performs many original tunes, and the bands Time Machine and Superfreak.

The music area was set up in a manner that prevented the music's clashing with gamers' enjoyment.

On Saturday night, Kenneth Youngblood, of Tecumseh, won a Chevy Silverado in a drawing and Bill Loftis, a CPN tribal member, won a bass boat.

Jacobs reminded gamers that there are many other activities available near FireLake Casino, which is at the intersection of Hardesty Road and South Gordon Cooper Drive in south Shawnee.

The new Corn Dance Cafe, operated by world-renowned Native American chef Loretta Barrett Oden, is open within sight of the casino. FireLake Discount Foods is just a few hundred feet from the casino. FireLake Golf Course, one of the top public courses in Oklahoma, is little more than a long tee shot from the gaming area.



## Constitutional Awareness



Vice Chairman Capps

One of the most valuable lessons that I have learned as a leader of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is the importance of the constitution. The constitution is the guiding light for the leaders of our Nation and must be consulted on an ongoing basis; it is the backbone of our governmental process. When we are in need of legal and professional guidance, the constitution often holds the answer to the proper path we are obligated to pursue. It is amazing how many answers to our numerous problems are found in the constitution. It addresses our name, objectives, membership, tribal jurisdiction, the council, the executive officers, the business committee, and the courts, to name a few. Actually, there are 21 Articles included in the main body of the constitution and additional articles that address the federal corporation chartered under the Act of June 26, 1936. The constitution has served us thus far, but to effectively serve the numbers and varied locations of our Tribal members, our constitution is in need of revision and change.

My tenure as the Vice Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation since 1990 has been inspirational and rewarding. I want to thank our Tribal members who have supported me in my role as the second highest elected official of this great Nation. Our administration, under the leadership of Chairman John A. Barrett, has experienced some great accomplishments during this time. We have grown from approximately 180 employees to about 640. This same growth has been manifested in our Tribal membership, the number of enterprises that we own, and the numerous facilities that we maintain. Although some growing pains have occurred, all in all, the growth has had a positive outcome for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

In 1977, as the first Coordinator of the Indian Education Program for Tecumseh Schools, I remember that a representative of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe called and said the Tribe had one (perhaps two) scholarships available for Tribal members.

There may have been a few other schools in the area that received a similar call, but we show no record of scholarships for that time period. Our earliest record indicates that 76 scholarships were awarded in 1988 for a total of \$17,000. A significant contrast is the fall of 2002, which yielded 343 Tribal scholarships for a total of \$100,750.35. During the 2003 spring semester, 283 student were awarded scholarships for a total of \$82,485.95. Beginning in the fall of 2003, the scholarship amounts will be increased from \$300 up to \$500 per semester for full time students and from \$250 to \$400 per semester for part-time students. The housing allowance will increase from \$450 to \$675 per semester. Along with more scholarships, our Nation is providing more services to our youth and our elders. We are active in assisting Tribal members with closing costs and down payment grants for housing loans and refinancing. We are providing all enrolled Tribal members with a \$1,000 death benefit. The health aids program is presently being reviewed for expanding the enrollment date to include more Tribal members. And, of course, we are continually trying to expand our economic base beyond gaming in order to ensure future economic stability.

Where do we go from here? One thing for sure is that we have to amend our Nation's constitution in order to make the governmental process even more effective. We need more representation from our regional areas. We need more defined guidelines for the division between the executive and the legislative branches of our government. We need to get more young people involved to assist with the future growth process of our Nation. Please take a conscientious look at the proposed constitutional changes and help this administration to further promote the general welfare of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. You will have an opportunity within the next year to help make a positive impact by voting for a new constitutional change. Do not wait until the last minute...begin with the awareness of your current constitution so you can make a more informed decision.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the festival. Until then, may God bless and keep you.

Linda Capps  
Vice Chairman



## W A L K I N G O N

**Doris Margaret Johnson Aalto**

Doris Margaret Johnson Aalto, a tribal member descending from Charlotte Vieux, born to Kate and David Johnson in Shawnee, OK August 27, 1931, passed from this life on March 19, 2003. She was diagnosed with lung cancer in November of 2002, saw her family through Thanksgiving, Christmas and Dad's birthday, then, when the time was just right, surrounded by her family at home, she walked - or possibly danced - on gracefully. A memorial service with about 250 friends and family members was held at the Cornerstone Community Church of the Brethren in Reedley on March 29. It was followed by a traditional Potawatomi fire ceremony at the homeplace in Parlier, California, with her brothers David and Richard Johnson presiding. Her other surviving sibling is her sister Donice.

Doris is survived by her husband of 54 years, Arnold Aalto, son Waine, daughters Arnelle Work and Sharon Sparks and their families, including 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She is remembered by her friends and family for being a great cook, a fun-loving golfer and bowler, an unbeatable card player, and a generous, hospitable, hard-working champion of life.

**Charles Randy Macon**

Charles Randy Macon, 44, of Weleetka, Oklahoma left this world on January 2, 2003. He was born in Angleton, Texas on January 24, 1958 to Earl and Maggie Macon. He was the blood descendant of Lizzie Macon Eldridge, who is listed on the 1887 Citizen Potawatomi allotment rolls.

Mr. Macon was living at the Eidetik of Weleetka community home at the time a tragic accident took his life. He was a kind and generous man; he will be greatly missed by family members and friends.

**Ruth Marie Cooper**

Ruth Marie (Mason) Cooper passed away on November 15, 2002, at an Oklahoma City hospital. She was born June 16, 1918, in Avaca, Texas, the daughter of James Polk "Jack" and Daisy Virgie (Butler) Mason.

Mrs. Cooper was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She married Lester Haskell Cooper on April 10, 1963. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Wanette, Oklahoma.

She was a homemaker for 25 years and retired from a position as Food

Services Supervisor at Central State Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a baby brother. Survivors include a sister, Ruby Jewel Cunningham of Florida; a son, Curtis Cooper of Noble, Oklahoma; a granddaughter, Ashley Cooper of Noble; two nephews, Robert Sherfeld of New Whiteland, Indiana and James Sherfield of Midwest City, Oklahoma; and two nieces, Pamela Keller of Indianapolis, Indiana and Vicki Voltz of Florida.

Burial was in the Wanette cemetery.

**Jennifer Renee Shultz**

Jennifer Renee Shultz, 20, of Prague died Saturday, January 25, 2003, in an Oklahoma City hospital. She was born Nov. 9, 1982, in Shawnee, the daughter of Brad and Tammy (Silas) Shultz.

She had been a resident of the Prague area most of her life, attending Prague schools and graduating from Prague High School in 2001. While attending school in Prague, she was a member of the pom pon squad and the Prague High School Band. She was selected Band Queen for the 2000-01 school year and served as a youth facilitator.

Shultz was attending Seminole State College and was a cheerleader. She was working at Love's Country Store in Seminole. She also was a member of the First Baptist Church in Prague.

Survivors include her parents; a sister, Megan Shultz of Prague; her maternal grandmother, Barbara Barner of Prague; her paternal grandparents, Ray and Willene Shultz of Wewoka; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at the Prague First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Emmons officiating. Burial followed at the Little Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Prague.

**Neal Allen Smith**

Neal Allen Smith, 77, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2002 in Torrance, California. He died as a result of heart failure.

Mr. Smith was born on March 11, 1925 in Norman, Oklahoma. He lived there with his family until he was two years old. At that time, they moved to

West Los Angeles, California.

He was the son of John and Martha (Stewart) Smith and the grandson of Thomas and Harriet (Stewart) Bostick. He served in World War II in 1944.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ethel (Cram) Smith; three daughters, Nancy Muse of Gardena, California, and Darlene Bressler and Donna Minson, both of Torrance California; a son, Roger Smith of Paso Robles, California; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Bob Smith of Arizona; and a sister, Irene Hyde of California.

Mr. Neal was preceded in death by his parents, John and Martha (Stewart) Smith; a brother Arnold Smith; and a sister, Hattie Pearl Hollister; all of California.

Graveside services were held at 11:30 am on Thursday December 19, 2002 at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, California.

**Catherine Veronica Vieux**

Catherine Veronica Vieux (Osh-wa) was born Dec. 3, 1916, in Emmett, Ks. Her parents, Joseph and Ellen Negohnkouck Vieux, were both enrolled with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Her family settled on the Prairie Band Reservation, near Mayetta, Ks. when she was five years old. She attended Haskell Indian Boarding School, in Lawrence, Ks. from 1921 to 1935, until her completion of two years of business school. She joined the U.S. Women's Marine Corps in 1943 during World War II. She was recognized as the first Native American woman to have joined the Women's Marine Corps. She was honorably discharged in 1945. She worked for Bureau of Indian Affairs in Kansas, North Dakota and New Mexico. In 1951, she researched Wisconsin's county land records for a Missouri firm, representing the Potawatomis, in their lawsuit against the federal government for land surrendered under the Treaty of 1833. She married William E. Clinton in 1951. He died in 1966. A daughter, Catherine Anne, died in 1976.

Catherine also worked in the Office of U.S. Senator Pearson in Washington, D.C. and as the Executive Secretary for Dr. Karl Menninger, at the Menningers' Hospital in Topeka, Ks.

She was an active member of We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Catherine V. Clinton was buried in Shipshee Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, Mayetta, Ks. She lived an active and beautiful 86 years. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Mary-Ellen Vieux Clinton, her two grandchildren, Jeremy and Andrew, and her great-grandson, J'jenaun.

**Merton O. Whitlow**

Merton Otis Whitlow, the son of Edgar and Josephine Wade Whitlow, was born March 12, 1922 at Tecumseh, Kansas. He died February 23, 2003 at his home in Beloit, Kansas, at the age of 80 years.

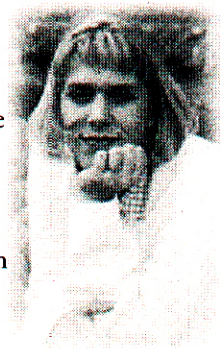
Whitlow grew up and attended school in Tecumseh. He graduated from Topeka High School. He served with the US Marines on Guadalcanal and participated in the initial invasion of the Solomon Islands in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. After his discharge from the service, he graduated with a degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado.

On April 24, 1943, Whitlow was united in marriage with Frances Louisa Read at Topeka, Kansas. Two sons and one daughter were born to that union: Stanley, Herb and Margaret. The couple was privileged to spend nearly 60 years of married life together.

Whitlow's work as a petroleum engineer took the family to Wyoming, Nebraska, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and overseas. The Whitlows lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma from 1955 until 2001, when they moved to Beloit, Kansas to be near their son.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stanley and Juanita Whitlow of Beloit and Herb and Allane Whitlow of Elgin, Illinois; two brothers, James Wade Whitlow of Goodyear, Arizona and Herbert Gene Whitlow of Tecumseh, Kansas; five grandchildren, Jeri Jurgensen and husband Larry, Justin Whitlow, Brian Whitlow and wife Becky, Vance Whitlow, and Daniel Stanfield; six great-grandchildren, Allison, Hannah, Camden, Reagan Elizabeth, Jacob "Jacques" and Cru.

Whitlow's parents and a daughter, Margaret Irene Stanfield, preceded him in death.





## Walking On (Cont.)

### Judith Eilene Wilson

Judith Eilene (Judy) Higbee Wilson, 60, of Mustang, Oklahoma passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2003 in Oklahoma City. She was born January 3, 1943, in Oklahoma City, the daughter of Carl R. Higbee and Helen E. Spearman (Higbee) Phillips.



She had been a resident of Mustang, Oklahoma for the past 30 years. At the time of her passing, she was employed by Farmers Insurance Co.'s National Document Center in Oklahoma City, where she was in the imaging department. She had worked at Mustang Flowers and Gifts as one of the top floral designers in Oklahoma.

She enjoyed collecting antiques, including Higbee family glassware, playing cards, singing her favorite songs and hymns, going to her favorite places to eat with friends and family members, and attending family reunions and pow wows. Most of all, her favorite pastime was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

One of her best qualities was putting others before herself and exhibiting compassion for other people.

She is survived by her husband, George T. Wilson, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie E. and Alvin Arbogast of Oklahoma City and Konnie K. and Jack Warden of Yukon, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Justin Arbogast, Shannon Warden, and Chelse Harrison, along with her husband, Jason; a brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Cindy Higbee of Altus; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Barry Gill of Yukon; a nephew, Jimmy Gill, and his wife Tammy; a great-niece, Brandy Gill; a great-nephew, Blake Gill; a niece, Shelli (Gill) McConnell, and her husband Jason; a great-nephew Dalton McConnell of Watonga; a niece, Chrysti (Gill) Bruner; a great-niece, Meagan Bruner; a great-niece, Shelby Bruner; a great-nephew, Jeremy Bruner; a great-nephew, Kenny Bruner of Shawnee; a nephew, Tony Higbee; a niece, Sherry Higbee; and a niece, Carrie Higbee.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Smith & Turner Mortuary, with burial in Yukon cemetery.

## POTAWATOMI GATHERING BUS TRIP

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide free bus travel to the annual "Gathering of the Nations" for tribal members and their immediate families. A chartered bus will leave the Potawatomi Nation headquarters, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive in Shawnee, at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2003. Gathering dates are July 30 - August 3, 2003. The bus will leave to return home at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2003.

A \$50 per passenger refundable deposit is required. Tribal members who attend the Gathering will be responsible for their own food, lodging and incidentals expenses.

To reserve a seat on the bus or obtain more information, please call Cathie Hanson at 275-3121 or 800-880-9880.

There is limited seating available. The deadline for reservations is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2003.

## Job Opportunities

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation would like to announce the following full-time and part-time openings at FireLake Wellness and Fitness Center:

- Exercise Physiologist
- Physical Therapy Tech/Trainer
- Exercise Trainer
- Physical Therapy/CWT
- Desk Clerk
- CHR/Clerical Support
- Gift Shop
- Aerobics
- Message Therapist

Excellent benefit package. Native American preference, but not absolute.

Closing date: May 31, 2003.

Please mail resumes to  
1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.,  
Shawnee, OK 74801,  
Attn: Human Resources.

## Festival Arts and Crafts Details

All of these classes are free to attend. Supplies are the responsibility of the attendees – most supplies will be available thru the CPN Gift Shop (as noted).

Members may pre-register for classes beginning Monday, June 16, 2003 by calling the Gift Shop at 800-880-9880 or (405) 275-3119. Please do not call to register before June 16<sup>th</sup>! (Gift Shop hours are M 11-7, Tue – Sat 10-7, and Sun 2-7)

**Hide-Tanning Demonstration** – Approx. 2 hours Friday, June 27, 2003 4:pm – 6:00pm Attendance limited to 25 people.

This demonstration will cover lacing, pulling, brain tanning, and finishing. Will include handout material.

**Moccasin-Making Class** – Approx. 2 hours Friday, June 27, 2003 6:30pm – 8:30pm and Saturday, June 28, 2003 11:30pm – 1:30pm Attendance limited to 20 people.

Learn how to make a pair of Potawatomi Style pucker toe buckskin moccasins.

Supplies you will need for class: Glovers needles; Sinew; a buckskin piece large enough to accommodate two moccasins (preferably not commercially tanned – this hide is tougher!) Please note, all of the above supplies will be available for purchase from The CPN gift shop, or you are welcome to bring your own.

**Shawl-Fringing Class** – Approx. 2 hours Friday, June 27, 2003 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 28, 2003 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Attendance limited to 20 people.

Learn how to make a pow wow dance shawl. Basic lesson on threading and tying fringe, possibly covering the advanced technique of cross-tying, as time permits.

Supplies you will need for class: 1 7/8 – 2 yards polyester gabardine or similar fabric, hemmed 1/4" on all four sides, 2 3/4 – 3 yards 14" chainette fringe, a small crochet hook.

*Please note that 14" chainette fringe is available at CPN Gift Shop in 26 different colors. Some hemmed pieces of gabardine might be available from the instructor for a minimal fee. But if you can bring your own, please do so.*

**Potawatomi Ribbonwork Class** – Approx. 2 hours Saturday, June 28, 2003 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Attendance limited to 20 people. This class will cover the basics of hand-stitched ribbonwork, an intricate and beautiful art form!

Supplies you will need for class: 1/4-yard each of two colors of taffeta fabric, a needle, thread to correspond with your fabric colors, 1 package of black embroidery thread, and sharp snippers.

## CPN CAREGIVER PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OSU's - "REPLENISHING THE CAREGIVER" PROGRAM CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

*Come and join a group of people just like you, caring for their loved ones.*

Thursday June 12 & 26, 2003  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CPN Tribal Administration Bldg.  
1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801

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# Vote Jim Snow

## Business Committee Position 2

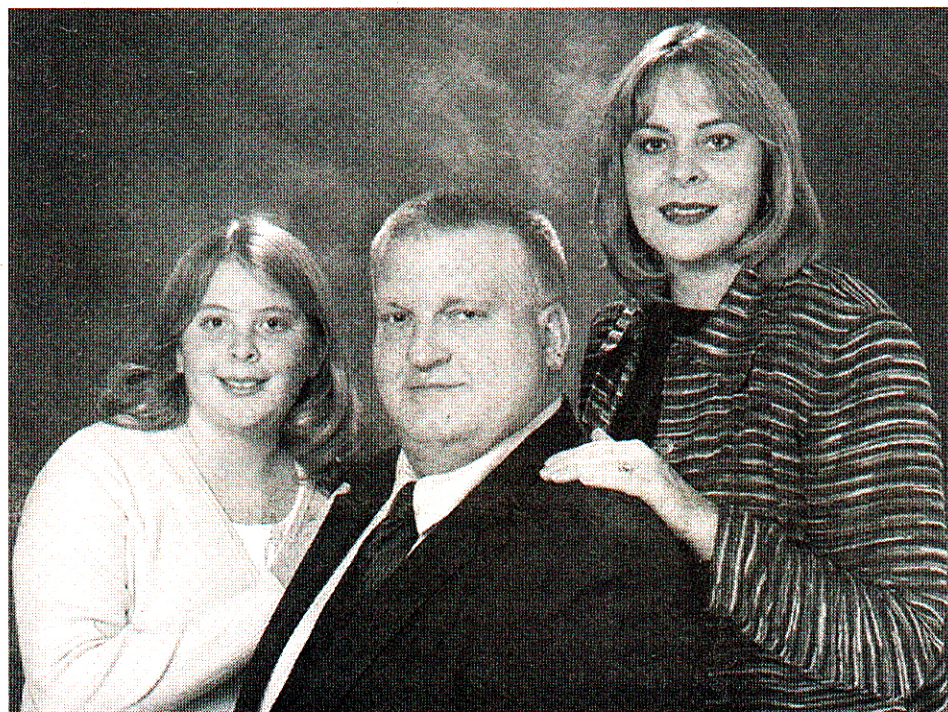
Hard-Working, Committed, A Strong Leader, Honest

*A devoted husband, father, son and brother.*

*An active member of the community as a farmer and business owner.*

*A concerned friend and neighbor to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members across the United States.*

*Someone who cares for the future of our children, our elders, and our tribe.*



My name is B.A. Peltier. I would like to take this opportunity to answer some of the questions that some of our Citizen Potawatomi members are asking as to why Mr. Jimmy Snow wants to run for our Business Committee.

There are several reasons that I can give you.

When Mr. Barrett was first elected as our chairman, John Schoeman had appointed me as the first Chief of Police for our Indian nation. I was a little skeptical about Mr. Barrett, to say the least.

But, after watching his performance for the past 18 to 20 years, I have to say that, as our chairman, he has brought us from a trailer house on the hill to what we have now.

Just look around! Mr. Barrett and his staff have worked hard and put up with our petty politics. Still, he makes every effort to increase our land base and create exceptional businesses and jobs for the people in this area.

I have known Mr. Jim Snow, his wife Jeralyn and his daughter Jordyn most of his life. He is a devoted father and will make a professional, competent and dedicated Business Committeeman for Position Two.

Mr. Snow is interested in helping our young children get a better education and creating a better environment in our area. Also, he is very interested in updating our constitution.

As with any form of government, we cannot stand still; we must go forward with the best people that we can get.

Mr. Snow's qualifications are that he is a successful cattle rancher and businessman in this area. He is extremely interested in promoting better water for all the people in this area. He has worked for at least seven years with wayward children. He has been a member of the Baptist church all his life.

So, please vote for Jim Snow, as we need a change. ***Your vote is critical.***

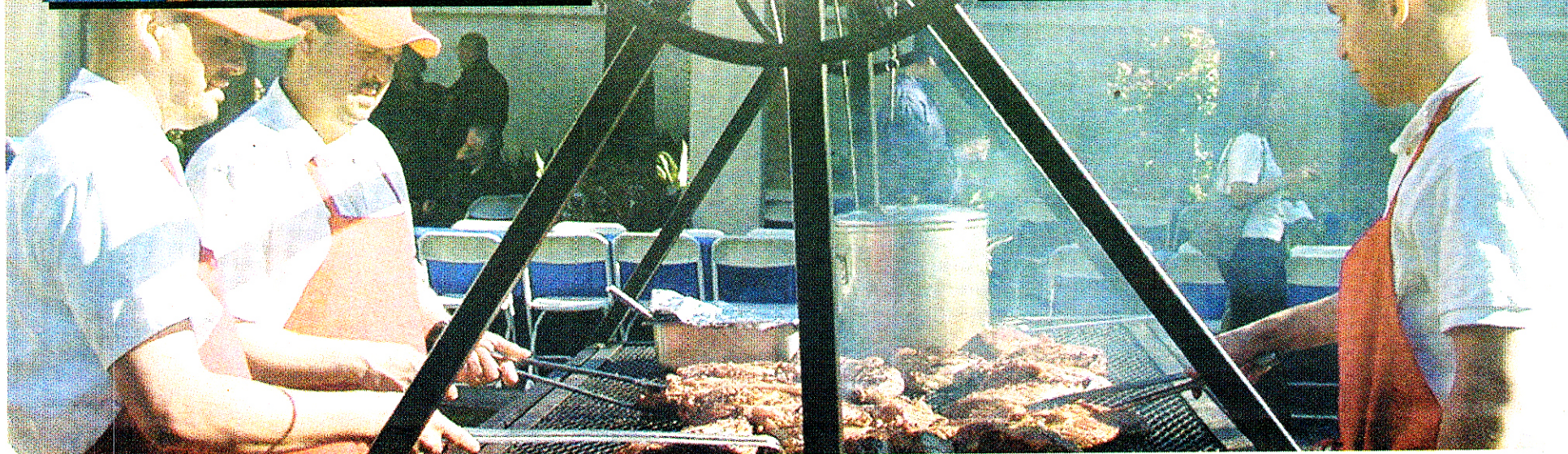


# Regional Council Meeting Los Angeles

## Los Angeles Regional Meeting

February 8, 2003

- 1) Chuck Goyer earned the Art Competition top prize.
- 2) Wendell Higbee was the Wisest Potawatomi at the meeting.
- 3) Jim Snow, Business committee candidate, visits with Wendell Higbee.
- 4) JoAnn Casteneda traveled farthest to reach the meeting and receives a gift from Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Chairman Rocky Barrett.
- 5) Adam Davenport was the youngest tribal member present.





# Regional Council Meeting Houston



## Houston Regional Meeting

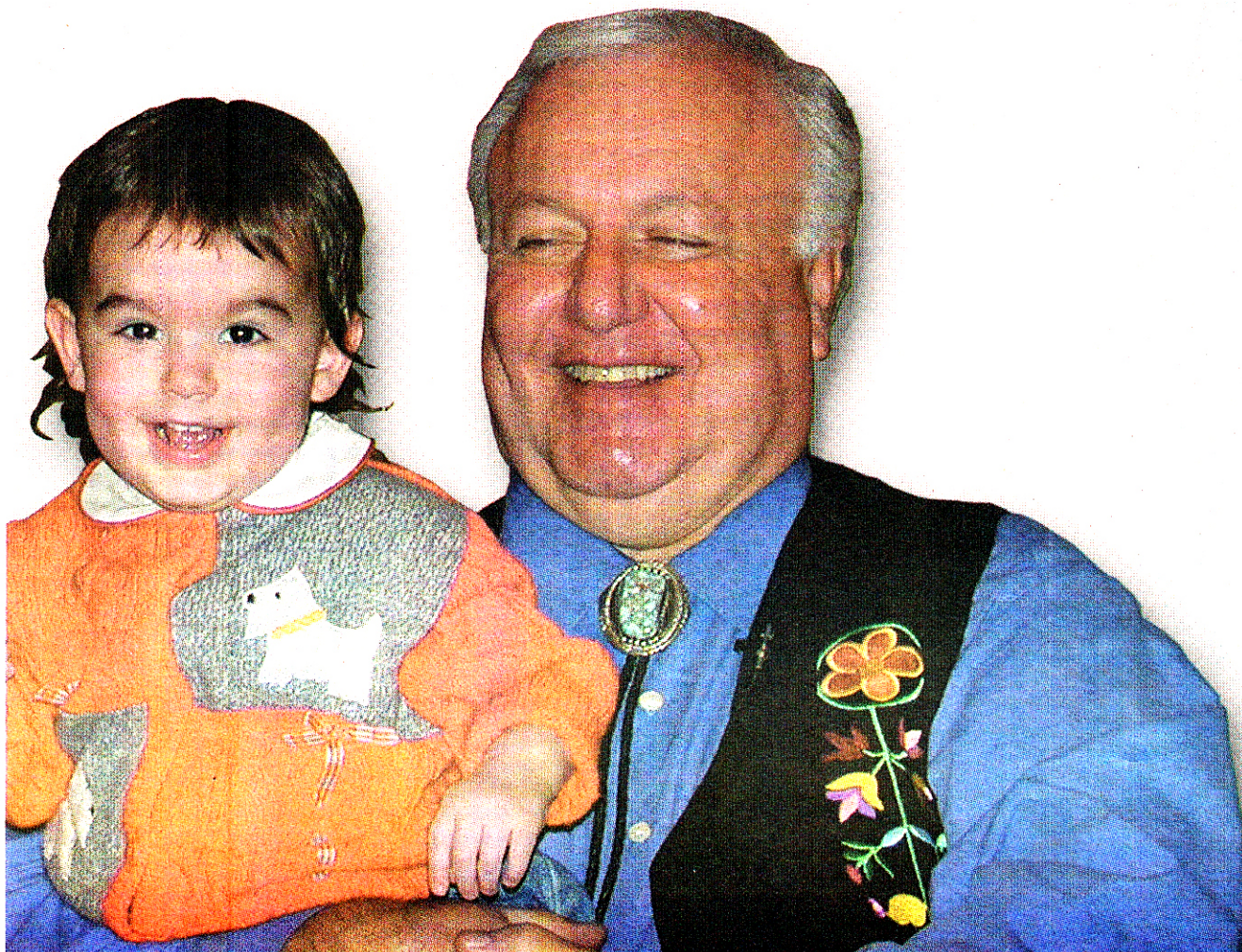
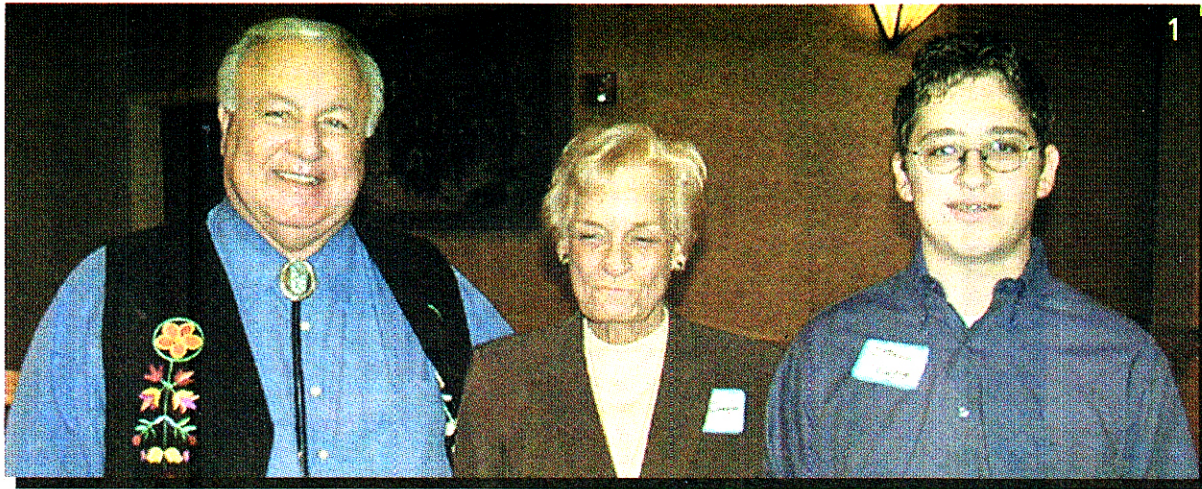
March 1, 2003

1. Montana Nikole Rhodd is focused on something out of camera shot. Montana and parents Darryl (a Citizen Potawatomi member) and Sue Rhodd live in Conroe, which is 35 miles north of Houston.
2. Barb Abbey earned First Place in the Regional Art competition. Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale presented her prize.
3. Dorothy Nadine 'Dot' Bryan of Beeville, Texas shared the award for traveling farthest to reach the meeting with Barb Abbey of Magnolia, Texas.
4. A grinning Chairman Rocky Barrett presents Brenna Sue Kelly of Houston, the Youngest Potawatomi member at the meeting. Brenna Sue was born August 30, 2002. Her parents are tribal member Bryan and Shelly Kelley. Cameron is her sister.
5. Shane Hansen's handsome knife earned him a second place in the art competition.



# Regional Council Meeting

# Dallas



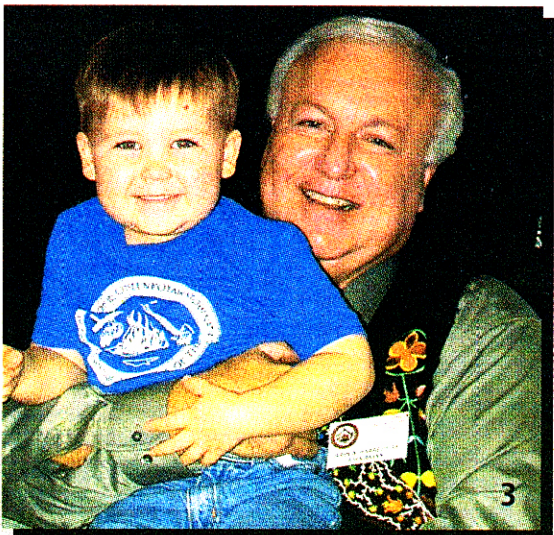
## Dallas Regional Meeting

March 20, 2003

1. Tribal member Joan Dorries and her grandson Joshua Wayne Dorries, both of Irving, took some time to visit with Chairman Barrett.
2. Vickie Canfield assists Dale Morrow with a gift shop purchase.
3. Joan Green, shown with Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, Vice Chairman Capps, and Chairman Barrett, won the art competition at Dallas.
4. Dorothy Whitebread was the Wisest Potawatomi at the meeting.
5. Chairman Barrett beams at granddaughter Kate's wide smile. Kate's parents are Jack and Tiffany Barrett.



# Regional Council Meeting Sacramento



## Sacramento Regional Meeting

April 5, 2003

1. Thom Finks, regional director, opened the meeting.
2. Danny Bishop of Bakersfield earned first place from the art contest judges with his Indian warrior mask made of leather and clay.
3. Christian James Wydner, son of Dawn (a tribal member) and Greg Wydner, was the Youngest Potawatomi at the Sacramento Regional Meeting. Christian James was born May 5, 2000. He is the great-grandson of Amy Moore. His brothers are Anthony and Brandon Morra.
4. 93-year-old Robert Martin of Wheatland, California was the Wisest Potawatomi present.
5. Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale presents her art competition third-place award to Katie Jaeger of Redding, California. Jaeger entered a watercolor titled "Blazing Dream." Jack Wooldridge (not pictured) earned a second place in the Sacramento Regional Art Competition with his print "Nite Rider."





# DOCTOR'S NOTES

Greetings from the employees and staff at the CPN Health Services clinic. We hope you and the members of your family are well.

In this edition of "Doctor's Notes," I want to describe a number of initiatives we have implemented in recent months to make it easier for our patients to get an appointment and to improve and expand the services we provide our growing patient population.

Earlier this year, we recruited Dr. Valerie Moreland, M. D., to staff our Employee Health Department to care for CPN employees who use the clinic, and to help see patients who require short notice appointments due to unexpected illness or injury. In addition to performing her routine clinical duties, Dr. Moreland was recently certified to perform colposcopies in order to enhance our ability to assess cervical anomalies promptly and without the need for inconvenient referrals to external providers.

Dr. Moreland's presence has broadened our scope of practice, and it has given us a great deal of additional flexibility to respond to our patients' needs.

Late in the summer of 2002, Dr. Hugh Ann Snyder, D.D.S., and Ms. Connie Dockery, Registered Dental Hygienist, joined the CPNHS Dental Department. Dr. Snyder and Ms. Dockery will specifically treat the unique dental issues of our diabetic patients.

By focusing exclusively on caring for diabetics, Dr. Snyder and Ms. Dockery are making significant inroads in improving the overall health status of this segment of our patient population. They have become an indispensable part of our comprehensive diabetic treatment program.

I know I don't have to tell you that diabetes mellitus is a truly serious health issue for Native Americans. Our Public Health Department staff has worked diligently this past year to implement a program devoted to minimizing its effects.

Ms. Loretta Miller, R.N., the CPNHS Public Health Coordinator inaugurated a diabetic register to help

us track the care given to our diabetics and a mailing program for notifying them when certain interventions are due.



Dr. Kevin O'Brien

I am convinced the answer to successful treatment of diabetes mellitus, especially Type 2 diabetes, is aggressive self-management coupled with regular and frequent supervision by health care professionals. Ms. Miller's mailing program is designed to make

these things a reality and it is working even better than I had hoped.

In July, Ms. Christi Olsen, Registered Dietician, joined the CPNHS staff to provide full-time nutrition counseling for all CPNHS diabetics and other patients in need of this service. Ms. Olsen will also provide the professional expertise needed to plan and implement world-class nutrition and life choice programs.

Ms. Myra McKiddy, R. N., recently traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, where she received formal training in foot care and wound management in patients with circulatory problems and nerve damage in their lower extremities. Ms. McKiddy's goal, in addition to performing foot care for her patients, is to train them to self-manage their condition in order to reduce infection which can result in amputation.

These are just a few of the things we have done to achieve our goal of making your clinic more accessible to you, and more responsive to your health care needs. Here are a few things you can do to help us reach this goal.

First, when possible, please use the appointment system to schedule your visits. I know you can't know ahead of time when you will be ill, but call us before you come in so that we can work you into the schedule. Coordinating your visit prior to your arrival will give us time to make sure you receive the care you need as quickly as possible. And, it will usually help you avoid the long wait you might experience if you simply walk in.

If you can't make it to the clinic for

your appointment, please call us and cancel the visit so that we can give your appointment to another patient.

Bring your prescription medications and any over-the-counter medicines you are taking with you for each visit with your health care provider. This will permit us to determine if there are any potentially harmful conflicts among the various items in your medication therapy regimen, and it will allow us to see if the medications we prescribe for you are compatible with those you might be receiving from other health care providers.

Use the prescription refill line, 405-395-9035, to arrange for your refills. Call at least two business days before your supply of medications is exhausted. Leave your full name, the prescription number of the prescriptions you want refilled, and a phone number at which you can be reached. Your refills will be ready for you to pick up within 48 hours.

Please, fill out one of our Patient Questionnaires each time you visit the clinic. The questionnaire is a simple, fast way to critique our performance, and communicate any comments or suggestions you want to share with us. Bill Thorne, the Director of Health Services, and I read every questionnaire turned in by our patients. We pay close attention to every bit of patient feedback we receive – so let us hear from you.

## New Health Benefit

On November 23, 2002, a new health benefit became available for members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Through the Pequot Pharmaceutical Network, diabetic supplies, which include test strips, glucose monitors, syringes/needles, lancets and lancet devices, are available at no cost for all those tribal members enrolled in the mail order pharmacy program.

Applications for enrollment are located on the [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org) web site, or may be obtained by calling 405-273-5236. For those members already enrolled, call the 800-342-5779 toll free number for information on how to order.

## Webb - Roberson Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Webb (Mars Family) of Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby W. Roberson (Willmet Family) of Harrah are



pleased to announce the recent wedding of their children Rendy K. Webb and Jeffrey M. Roberson.

The two families were joined by the love of their children on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Blanchard, Oklahoma. Rendy and Jeff were joined by family and close friends.

The service was performed by the groom's cousin, the Rev. Alan Johnson (Willmet Family) of Rogers, Ark., and the couple's minister, the Rev. B. Ray Sims of the First Baptist Church, Blanchard.

The wedding party consisted of friends and family.

The bride's party was as follows: Ms. Cheryl Thompson of Oklahoma City, the bride's best friend, Maid of Honor; Miss Andrea Maynard (Mars Family) of Round Rock, Texas, (the bride's cousin), Mrs. Mandi Schninger of Blanchard (the bride's cousin), and Ms. Monica Gallaway of Norman (the bride's cousin).

The groom's party was as follows: Mr. James Roberson (Willmet Family) of Harrah, Best Man (the groom's brother); Mr. Bobby Roberson (Willmet Family) of Harrah, Oklahoma (the groom's father), Mr. Kevin Terry of Minco, Oklahoma (the groom's best friend), and Mr. Bill Haxton of Kingfisher, Oklahoma (the groom's best friend).

The couple will make their home in Blanchard. Rendy Roberson is a 1994 graduate of Blanchard High School and a 1998 graduate of City College, Inc., with a Legal Assistant degree. She is employed by Stewart Abstract and Title, corporate office, in Oklahoma City. She works in the Second Mortgage Department.

Jeff Roberson is a 1996 graduate of Harrah High School and a 1998 graduate of Oklahoma State University/Oklmulgee, with a Diesel Technology degree. He is employed by Warren Caterpillar of Oklahoma (FKA Darr Equipment).

The newly joined families wish to share their joy and happiness with the rest of the families in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



# Young Potawatomi Kidnapped, Found

By Tara Roberson, Stillwater NewsPress Staff Writer

The 10-year-old daughter of Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Tracey Weldon of Stillwater, Okla., was found by law enforcement officers on Thursday, May 15.

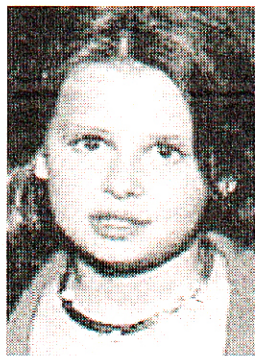
That was five days after she was reported missing. Shawnda Marie Cheney was found in a house in Pearland, Texas, south of Houston, with her alleged abductor Presley Earl Hood, 56, of Branson, Mo.

Cheney was transported to a hospital for tests. Hood was taken into custody shortly after 2 a.m. on May 15, on a federal kidnapping warrant.

Law enforcement officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Payne County, Okla., Sheriffs Office, the Stillwater Police Department and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation held a press conference at SPD headquarters.

"She is in pretty good shape physically," Samuel Macaluso, assistant special agent in-charge of the FBI-Oklahoma City said. "She possibly has a little sunburn." Macaluso said Cheney was taken around 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9.

She was reported missing to the Payne County Sheriffs Office the fol-



Shawnda Cheney

lowing day. Shawnda left her home Friday night to walk to the nearby home of a friend, planning to spend the night, but never arrived. Macaluso said Cheney met Hood at a mutual friend's birthday party in February.

"Hood began taking Shawnda back and forth to Branson on the pretense of meeting talent scouts," he said.

"Recently, Cheney's mother told Hood Shawnda would no longer be allowed to make those trips with him."

Macaluso would not comment on whether Cheney appeared to be abused in any way. "She was immediately taken to a hospital and given a battery of examinations," he said. "It is too soon to tell."

When asked whether Cheney went with Hood willingly, Macaluso said he believed this was a predator case. "He gains sympathy from the victim and I think he manipulates them," he said.

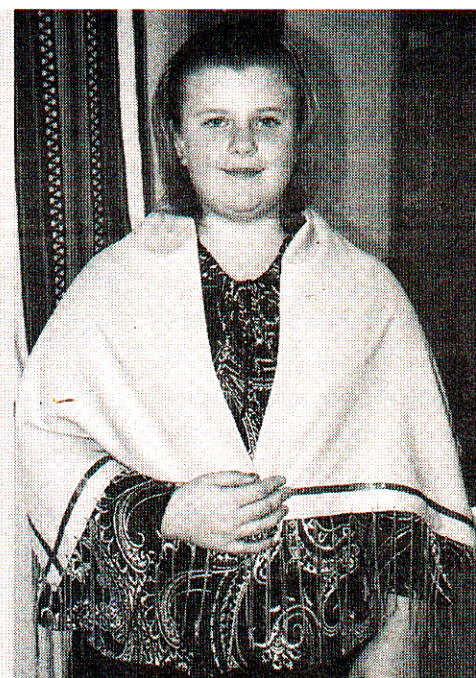
Macaluso said Hood has a lengthy criminal history, but would not release details.

Cheney was taken home from Texas, accompanied by representatives from the victim/witness offices of the FBI in Houston and Oklahoma City.

During National American Indian Heritage Month, 10-year old fifth-grader Meagan Bruner, a tribal member, won Third Place in the Native American Art Contest sponsored by the Indian Education Program of the Shawnee Public Schools. Ms. Bruner, the daughter of tribal member Chrysti Bruner, earned the award for the shawl she made and submitted in the Miscellaneous Category. She received a Certificate and a monetary prize.

There were 112 contestants total in all categories. Of those 112 entries, 44 were in the Division 2, third through fifth grade Miscellaneous Category.

Ms. Bruner attends Will Rogers Elementary School in Shawnee.



## Citizen Potawatomi Nation TITLE VI Caregiver Program

This program's purpose is to provide a comprehensive referral and service system for families/individuals who are caregivers to elders who are chronically ill or who have a life-altering physical, mental or developmental disability. Services available include information about services, caregiver training, support groups, counseling, assistance to caregivers in gaining services, respite services, and supplemental services on a limited basis to complement care provided by caregivers (CPN Caregiver Program, Oasis, Advantage, Eldercare, private respite program, etc.).

This CPN Caregiver Respite Care program provides tribal members and their families an opportunity to take a break from their 24/7 responsibilities. The following requirements will assist in determining the eligibility of the caregiver:

1. You must be the full time caregiver;
2. You must be caring for an elder 55 or older who has a least two assisted daily living needs;
3. You must live within the CPN service area;
4. You or your family member must be a Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member.

Once these qualifications have been met, the caregiver will be instructed to do the following by the CPN Caregiver Program:

1. Interview and hire respite providers (recommended providers: family members, friends and neighbors, etc.)

Must be 18 or older;

2. Set an hourly daily or weekly schedule and rates;

3. If not a recommended provider, check references;

4. Training the provider on the specific needs of the care recipient.

The CPN Caregiver/Respite Program will provide services not to exceed six months. If the caregiver qualifies for the CPN Caregiver Program within the first two weeks, the program will assist him or her in applying for respite care through the ORRN (Oasis) which may take up to eight to ten weeks to qualify. Neither program will overlap service time.

While providing respite services through our program or the state of Oklahoma, we request that the caregiver attend the bi-weekly support group meetings for two hours in which the tribe, state or Replenishing the Caregiver programs will provide respite. The support group is open to the public.

If the tribal member or non-tribal member does not meet the CPN guidelines, we will assist you in applying with the state ORRN (Oasis) Program or other assistance program which offers the same benefits in every state. The state guidelines are all the same with the exception that the care recipient must be 60 years of age or older.

For more information contact the CPN Title VI caregiver program.

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## Corn Dance Cafe

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# Family Reunion Festival Schedule

## FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2003

**8:00 a.m.**  
Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds and Tribal HQ

**8:30 a.m.**  
Regional Director Meeting - Cafeteria - Tribal Headquarters

**9:00 a.m.**  
Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters  
Petting Zoo - Pow Wow Grounds

**10:00 a.m.**  
Softball Tournament-Sign-Up - South of FireLake Discount Foods  
Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds

**12:00 p.m.**  
Vendors, Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds

**1:00 p.m.**  
Health Screenings/Fair and Tour (until 5:00 p.m.) - Health Complex  
Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters  
Children's Activities - Tribal Headquarters - Dominoes, Checkers, Chess and Coloring Contests  
Swimming Pool Open until 5:00 p.m. - Tribal Headquarters

**4:00 p.m.**  
Hide-tanning demonstration, North end of FireLake Foods, limit 25 people

**5:00 p.m.**  
Swimming Pool Closed until 7pm  
Chess Tournament - North Tent - Pow Wow Grounds  
Horseshoe Tournament - Pecan Grove - FireLake Golf Course  
Moccasin Making Class - Administration Building  
Shawl-fringing, North end of FireLake Foods, limit 20 people

**6:00 p.m.**  
Domino Tournament - North Tent - Pow Wow Grounds

**6:30 p.m.**  
Moccasin-making, north end of FireLake Foods, limit 20 people

**7:00 p.m.**  
Checkers Tournament - North Tent - Pow Wow Grounds  
Dancing Under the Stars w/ live DJ and Dance Contest- Tribal Headquarters  
Swimming Pool Open until 9pm

**8:00 p.m.**  
Traditional Hand Games - Round House - Pow Wow Grounds  
Registration for Night Golf Begins - FireLake Golf Course

**9:00 p.m.**  
Country & Western Dance - South Tent - Pow Wow Grounds  
Night Golf - scramble - FireLake Golf Course

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2003

**7:00 a.m.**  
Voting opens (until 2:00 p.m.) - Engineering Building  
Tribal Rolls opens for photo IDs and geneology

**7:30 a.m.**  
Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds - served until 10:00 a.m.  
Registration for Golf Tournament Begins - FireLake Golf Course

**8:30 a.m.**  
Golf Tournament - FireLake Golf Course - four person teams  
Vendors, Arts & Crafts, & Food - Pow Wow Grounds  
Fry Bread Competition - Pow Wow Grounds

**9:00 a.m.**  
Health Screenings/Fair and Tour - Health Complex until 2:00 p.m.  
3-3 Basketball Tournament - Pow Wow Grounds  
Housing Registration - First Aid Booth - Pow Wow grounds  
Softball Tournament - Fields  
South of FireLake Discount Foods  
Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters  
Shawl-fringing, Admin. Bldg. Dining Room, limit 20 people  
Potawatomi Ribbonwork, Admin. Bldg. Dining Room, limit 20 people  
Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds  
Petting Zoo and Rides - Pow Wow Grounds

**10:00 a.m.**  
Swimming Pool Open until 5pm

**11:00 a.m.**  
3-3 Basketball, 15 and under - Tribal Headquarters

**11:30 a.m.**  
Moccasin-making, North end of FireLake Foods, limit 20 people

**1:00 p.m.**  
Pow Wow Dance Lessons - Round House - Pow Wow Grounds  
Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters

**3:00 p.m.**  
General Council - Bingo Hall

**5:30 p.m.**  
Gourd Dancing - Round House

**6:30 p.m.**  
Best Indian Car Contest - Pow Wow Grounds

**8:00 p.m.**  
Grand Entry - Dance - Pow Wow Grounds

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2003

**7:30 a.m.**  
Breakfast - pow wow grounds - ends at 10:00 a.m.

**8:00 a.m.**  
Church Services - Round House - Pow Wow Grounds  
Orphan Singers - Round House - Immediately following Church Youth Arts & Crafts - Tribal Headquarters  
Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds

**10:00 a.m.**  
Sacred Heart Bus Tour - Tribal HQ - lunch provided  
Swimming Pool Open until 3pm  
Archery Tournament - West of Pow Wow Grounds

**2:00 p.m.**  
Mini Putt Tournament - FireLake  
Mini Putt - Pow Wow Grounds  
Volleyball - Pow Wow Grounds

## Festival Event Registration

**Registration**  
Susan Blair 405-275-3121  
sblair@potawatomi.org

**Youth Arts & Crafts, Kiddie Land, Swimming Pool, Swimming under the stars, DJ by the pool, Children's Kareoke and Dance Contest**  
Janet Draper 405-878-4672  
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Donnette Littlehead 405-878-4861  
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**Softball Tournament**  
Richard Driskell 405-878-4850  
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**Moccasin and Shawl Making Classes**  
Leslie Deer 405-275-3119  
lbarichello@potawatomi.org

**Fry Bread Competition**  
Patsy Cooper 405-275-5269  
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Carol Clay-Levi 405-275-5269  
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**Horseshoe Tournament, Night Golf and Golf Tournament**  
Chris Chesser 405-275-4471  
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**Traditional Hand Games**  
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**Domino Tournament, Checkers Tournament and Chess Tournament**  
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Bob Trousdale 405-275-3121  
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## Registration (Cont.)

**Country & Western Dance**  
Denise Smith 405-878-4833  
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**Voting**  
Cathie Hanson 405-275-3121  
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**Health Screening**  
Bill Thorne 405-273-5236  
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**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**  
Linda Capps 405-275-3121  
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Bob Trousdale 405-273-2833  
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**Housing Registration**  
Bob Carlile 405-275-3121  
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**Youth Games, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides**  
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Donnette Littlehead 405-878-4861  
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**Pow Wow Dance Lessons**  
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**General Council**  
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**Best Indian Car Contest**  
Gary Smith 405-878-4660  
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**Gourd Dancing and Grand Entry**  
Leslie Deer 405-275-3119  
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**Church Services**  
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**Sacred Heart Bus Tour**  
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Cathie Hanson 405-275-3121  
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**Volleyball**  
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**Archery**  
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**Mini Putt Tournament**  
Bob Trousdale 405-275-3121  
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## Potawatomi Family Reunion Schedule

2003- Acton, Bergeron, Curley, Delonais, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, Pambogo

2004- Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot, Juneau, Pappan, Crumbo

\*\*\*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

Eligible participants in the activities include Citizen Potawatomi tribal members, their spouses and children and Citizen Potawatomi Nation employees, their spouses and children. Must have festival registration to participate in the activities. Bingo is free to all enrolled Potawatomi Tribal Members.



## BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION LOGS

July 02 to June 03

Date	Resolution #	Title	Date	Resolution #	Title
07/1/02	03-01	A resolution authorizing and supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's grant application entitled "Continued Development of Environmental Capacity and Capabilities" for funding Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	07/23/02	03-14	A resolution opening the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Burial Insurance Fund to all enrolled Tribal members effective July 1, 2002 Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/1/02	03-02	A resolution authorizing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's "Center-Based, Voucher and After School Program Child Care Services" application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2003 Child Care Development Fund offered through the United States Department of Health and Human Services through the Bureau of Indian Affairs 477 Program Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	07/23/02	03-15	A resolution naming Directors of First National Bank and Trust Company and authorizing the voting of shares of stock to elect them at a meeting of the stockholders Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/1/02	03-03	A resolution authorizing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's continued development of the "FireLake Wellness Center" application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002 Tribal Management Grant Program offered through the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	07/23/02	03-16	A resolution approving formation of a Constitutional Reform Committee Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/1/02	03-04	A resolution authorizing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's "Del Rancho Restaurant Project" Application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2002 Community Service Block Grant – Economic Development Awards offered through the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	07/23/02	03-17	A resolution requesting the United States of America to place certain lands (AKA Bales Salvage) into trust for and on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and authorizing Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr. and Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale to sign documents necessary to such a request (revises/combines 02-72 and 02-73) Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/1/02	03-05	A resolution repealing Resolution 01-46 Vote 3-1-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/22/02	03-18	A resolution authorizing and directing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation General Counsel to intervene as a party or as an amicus in the Interior Board of Contract Appeals Cases 4317-2001 and 4318-2001 Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/23/02	03-06	A resolution repealing Resolution 01-45 Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/6/02	03-19	A resolution to appoint Jernda Lawrence as the Vice President of Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Inc. (CPNI) for the vacancy left by Mike Wood. Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/1/02	03-07	A resolution to compensate Tribal Executive Officials Vote 3-1-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/6/02	03-20	A resolution designating signatory authority for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Form 4432. Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/23/02	03-08	A resolution declaring that the Regional Councils of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation should be included in the Tribal Constitution as a permanent part of the Tribal Government_ Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/6/02	03-21	A resolution authorizing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2003 "Healthy Vision 2010 – Community Awards" Grant program offered through the National Eye Institute. Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/23/02	03-09	A resolution declaring that the Government of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation should have separate Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches with constitutional protections for the authorities of each branch Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/6/02	03-22	A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2002 15-passenger van for the Title VI Native American Caregiver Support Program which is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services – Administration on Aging. Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/23/02	03-10	A resolution declaring that tribal members living outside of Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma and its contiguous counties should be allowed to run for tribal office Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/6/02	03-23	A resolution to sell damaged corn crop as silage to BLC Angus Ranch owned by John Barrett, Tribal Chairman. Vote 2-0-2-1 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/23/02	03-11	A resolution to authorize appropriations from the Enterprise Profits Account for general operating expenses of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Enterprises through Fiscal Year 2002 Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/21/02	03-24	A resolution changing the Quarterly Business Committee meeting from Thursday, 8-29-02 to Wednesday, 8-28-02 Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/23/02	03-12	A resolution repealing Resolution Pott #87-39 Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/21/02	03-25	A resolution adopting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Combined FY 2002, 03, 04, 05 and 06 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and submittal of the Plan to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
07/23/02	03-13	A resolution creating the office of Tribal Prosecutor and naming the Tribal legal counsel as Attorney General Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/21/02	03-26	A resolution authorizing the submission of a Tribal Self-Governance Compact and Annual Funding Agreement including an Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Addendum to the Compact to enhance the ability of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to effectively plan and deliver Department of Interior funded services Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)



# BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION LOGS

Date	Resolution #	Title	Date	Resolution #	Title
08/21/02	03-27	A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2003 29-passenger bus for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Child Development Center Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/28/02	03-49	A resolution pertaining to the relinquishment of Kioka Jahn Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
08/21/02	03-28	A resolution authorizing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to enter into a contract with Critical Mass Media for software development Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	08/28/02	03-50	A resolution pertaining to the relinquishment of Joshua Jahn Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
08/21/02	03-29	A resolution to authorize appropriations from the Enterprise Income Account for debt service of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Enterprises through FY 2002, and to clarify previous language referenced in Resolution 03-11 regarding the Income Account, which was incorrectly written "Enterprise Profits Account" Vote 3-1-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	09/4/02	03-51	A resolution to authorize the purchase of three Mini Vans Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
08/21/02	03-30	A resolution to sponsor the 401(K) as the only retirement plan of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and to terminate all other existing profit sharing and tax deferred retirement plans, including the 403(b) Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	09/4/02	03-52	A resolution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee to enter into an agreement with the consulting firm of Turner-Hill & Associates, Inc. Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
08/21/02	03-31	A resolution modifying Resolution 03-23 to sell damaged corn crop as silage to BLC Angus Ranch owned by John Barrett, Tribal Chairman Vote 3-0-1-1 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	09/4/02	03-53	A resolution to build FireLake Fun Center and remodel the former FireLake Bowling Lanes space for gaming Vote 3-1-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			09/4/02	03-54	A resolution to appoint the Election Committee for the 2003 elections Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			09/4/02	03-55	An amendment for and approval of the 2003 Election Ordinance Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			09/25/02	03-56	A resolution authorizing the submission of a Tribal Self-Governance Compact and Annual Funding Agreement to enhance the ability of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to effectively plan and deliver funded services by the Department of Health and Human Services Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			09/25/02	03-57	A resolution relating to the operation of FireLake Restaurant, an enterprise of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vote 3-1-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			10/16/02	03-58	A resolution to authorize the payment of the \$1000 burial benefit for children who are eligible for enrollment with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for a period within one year from the date of their live birth, in the event of death and burial Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			10/16/02	03-59	VOID
			10/16/02	03-60	A resolution requesting the United States of America to place certain lands (AKA The Hatley Home) into trust for and on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and authorizing Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr. and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale to sign documents necessary to such a request Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			10/16/02	03-61	A resolution requesting the United States of America to place certain lands (AKA Sharp) into trust for and on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and authorizing Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr. and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale to sign documents necessary to such a request Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
			10/16/02	03-62	A resolution requesting the United States of America to place certain lands (AKA Taylor) into trust for and on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and authorizing Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr. and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale to sign documents necessary to such a request Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)



## BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION LOGS

Date Resolution # Title

10/16/02 03-63 A resolution requesting the United States of America to place certain lands (AKA Topeka Regional Center) into trust for and on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and authorizing Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr. and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale to sign documents necessary to such a request

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/16/02 03-64 A resolution amending Resolution 02-84 and amending the charter for a Not-for-Profit Corporate Subsidiary of Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Incorporated, "First National Capital Finance", amending the purposes to be for charitable and educational purposes

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/16/02 03-65 A resolution amending Resolution 02-85 and amending the charter for a Not-for-Profit Corporate Subsidiary of Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Incorporated, "First National Venture Capital", amending the purposes to be for charitable and educational purposes

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/16/02 03-66 A resolution adopting a new Indian Preference Policy for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/16/02 03-67 A resolution adopting a new Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Self-Monitoring Policy for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/16/02 03-68 A resolution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee to enter into an agreement with the Architectural Firm of Sikes Abernathie Architects, P.C. for Sikes Abernathie to develop Master Planning/Programming and schematic design for the Murray Hill Center Project

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/30/02 03-69 A resolution repealing Resolution 93-47

Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/30/02 03-70 A resolution amending Resolution 03-34 to authorize a Road Design Contract under the authority of P.L. 93-638 to include the following plans, specifications and estimates: Wellness Center parking lot, a road to access the new Child Care Center, a road to service the Heritage/Visitors Center Complex and design of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Visitors Center

Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/30/02 03-71 A resolution to terminate the Attorney Contract with Michael Minnis and Associates and authorizing a contract with Jon Pappas

Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/30/02 03-72 A resolution authorizing payment of the administrative costs associated with the accounting services for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Enterprises to be allocated from the Enterprise Income Account on a quarterly basis

Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/30/02 03-73 A resolution creating the position of tribal Legal Aid

Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

10/30/02 03-74 A resolution in support of any reference made to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma in any existing codes, statutes, ordinances or procedures be here and forever changed to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-75 A resolution naming the Board of Directors of First National Bank and Trust to serve as the Board of Directors of First National Capital Finance, hereby replacing the incorporators and exiting interim board

Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

Date Resolution # Title

11/13/02 03-76 A resolution naming the Board of Directors of First National Bank and Trust to serve as the Board of Directors of First National Venture Capital, hereby replacing the incorporators and exiting interim board

Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-77 A resolution of the CPN Business committee to appropriate funds for preliminary costs associated with the development of a multifamily housing project in Topeka, Kansas in support of the Regional Center

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-78 A resolution granting the Sac & Fox Nation the authority to operate the FY 2003 Food Distribution Program within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal jurisdiction

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-79 A resolution changing the Quarterly Business Committee meeting from Thursday, November 28, 2002 to Wednesday, December 4, 2002

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-80 A resolution authorizing NCAI membership and paying of 2002 dues

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-81 A resolution appointment Citizen Potawatomi Nation Floodplain Management Board members

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-82 A resolution to authorize elected officials Chairman John a. Barrett, Jr. and Supreme Court Justice G. William Rice to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation at the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland in working with the draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

11/13/02 03-83 A resolution to appropriate funds for the installment payments on the FireLake Discount Foods and the Bowling Center Loans

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

12/4/02 03-84 A resolution authorizing the CPN's Fiscal Year 2003 Budgets

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

12/4/02 03-85 A resolution authorizing increased matching funds, if necessary, for the construction of a Child Development Center; ICDBG Project B00-SR-40-2438

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

12/4/02 03-86 A resolution certifying that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will cover any and all cost overruns in the completion of the Child Development Center; ICDBG Project B00-SR40-2438

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

12/4/02 03-87 A resolution to amend Resolution 01-40 to change the Floodplain Board Meeting from "at least once a month" to "at least once a quarter"

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

12/4/02 03-88 A resolution amending Resolution 03-81 regarding the terms of office of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Floodplain Management Board Members

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)

12/4/02 03-89 A resolution calling for adoption of the United Nations Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples developed by the Working Group on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)



# BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION LOGS

Date	Resolution #	Title	Date	Resolution #	Title
12/4/02	03-90	A resolution authorizing payment of costs associated with the relocation and facility improvements for 1450-AM KGFF Radio Station Vote 3-2-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/02/03	03-111	A resolution authorizing submission of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Grant proposal entitled "Stop Violence Against Indian Women Planning Grant" Offered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/4/02	03-91	A resolution pertaining to enrollment into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/02/03	03-112	A resolution authorizing the application and submission of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Grant Proposal entitled "Oklahoma Native American Abstinence Education Coalition Implementation Grant" in answer to the Department of Health and Human Service's FY 2003 announcement Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/04/02	03-92 to 03-100	A resolution pertaining to enrollment into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by descendency Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/2/03	03-113	A resolution to authorize appropriations from the Enterprise Income Account to the Headquarters Account for payment of expenses related to the upkeep and maintenance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Headquarters Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/04/02	03-101	A resolution pertaining to the relinquishment of Lanny Chris Herrod Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/2/03	03-114	A resolution to authorize a Lease Agreement for the management and operation of FireLake Restaurant Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/04/02	03-102	A resolution pertaining to the relinquishment of Gilbert Pryor Moody Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/2/03	03-115	A resolution adopting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employee Handbook effective 1-2-03 Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/18/02	03-103	A resolution increasing the Nation's leverage for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Nutrition and Wellness Center funded under the FY 1999 ICDBG Program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Construction costs) Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/2/03	03-116	A resolution to authorize a purchase-lease agreement for a Komatsu PC200LC-6L3 excavator (trackhoe) from Kirby Smith Machinery, Inc. of OKC Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/18/02	03-104	A resolution increasing the Nation's leverage for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Nutrition and Wellness Center funded under the FY 1999 ICDBG Program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Parking lot) Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/2/03	03-117	A resolution to lease the "J.C. Penny" building at Main and Union in Shawnee, Oklahoma for temporary storage Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/18/02	03-105	A resolution supporting the FY 2003 Family Violence Prevention Services Grant application to the Administration for Children and Families – Department of Health and Human Services Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/15/03	03-118	A resolution authorizing the application and submission of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's grant proposal entitled "Citizen Potawatomi Nation Abstinence Education Implementation Grant in answer to the Department of Health and Human Service's FY 2003 announcement Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/18/02	03-106	A continuation of resolution 03-11 authorizing appropriations from the Enterprise Income Account for general operating expenses of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation enterprises until approval of the 2003 enterprise budgets Vote 3-0-2-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/15/03	03-119	A resolution to support the appointment of Ross Swimmer for Special Trustee for American Indians to head the United States Interior Department's efforts to reform the American Indian Trust Fund System Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
12/18/02	03-107	A resolution to donate a 1994 Police Car to the Pottawatomic County Sheriff. Vote 4-0-1-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/15/03	03-120	A resolution pertaining to enrollment into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by descendency Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
01/02/03	03-108	A resolution authorizing submission of an application to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) for a tribal governance grant encompassing the development and ratification of a new tribal constitution Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/15/03	03-121	A resolution pertaining to enrollment into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by descendency Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
01/02/03	03-109	A resolution supporting the Sacred Heart Mission Master Preservation Plan Project Proposal submitted in invitation to the National Park Service's Fiscal Year 2003 Historic Preservation Fund Grant to Indian Tribes Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)	01/15/03	03-122	A resolution to authorize a consulting contract agreement between FireLake Discount Foods and John Runyan of JSR&R, Inc. for consulting on FireLake Discount Foods Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)
01/02/03	03-110	A resolution supporting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's submittal of "The Bourbonnais Log House Revitalization Project: Repairing and preserving a tribally owned National Register Property" proposal in invitation to the National Park Service's Fiscal Year 2003 Historic Preservation Grant to Indian Tribes Vote 5-0-0-0 (for, opposed, absent, abstentions)			



## Grants for \$2,125 Available to Members Wanting to Purchase or Refinance a Home

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is helping make home ownership or refinancing to take advantage of low interest rates a viable option for tribal members for whom a down payment and/or closing costs represent an obstacle.

No matter where they live in the United States, Citizen Potawatomi tribal members are eligible for grants to help them pay closing costs and/or down payments to buy or refinance a home.

The grants are available with funding from a combination of sources. "This program has helped hundreds of tribal members," said Robert Carlile, Housing Authority director. "Any enrolled CPN member is eligible to receive this grant once."

The maximum amount is \$2,125.00. Carlile said, "That amount is not to be repaid to the tribe nor is there a second mortgage placed on the homeowners property."

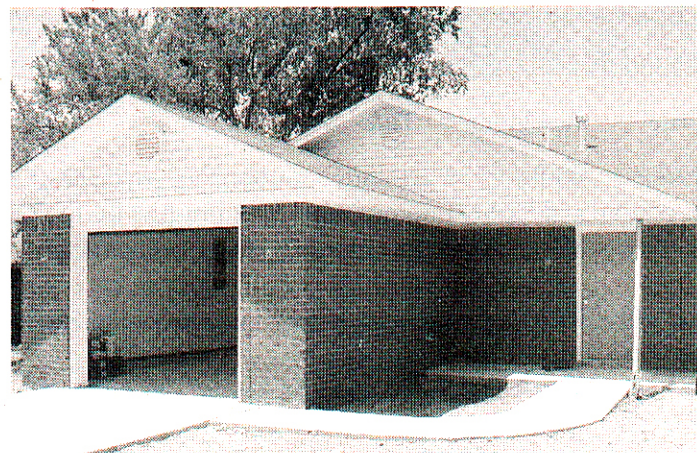
Eligibility requirements are: (1) the recipient must be purchasing, refinancing, or building a home. Mobile homes are not eligible; (2) the recipient must complete an application, submit a copy of his CPN membership card and proper financial documents from his lender, and list the name of the closing party; (3) because of lead based paint regulations, the home must have been built in 1978 or later, with verification provided; (4) the recipient must provide a copy of the Standard Flood Hazard Determination; (5) the recipient must request a grant that covers only "out-of-pocket" expenses; (if cash out refinancing, the grant check will be made out to the lender to be applied to the principal of the new loan); and (6) the recipient must submit an application within 30 days after loan closing.

"Processing time for grant applications is approximately two to three weeks," Carlile pointed out. "Checks are mailed to the address you put on the application unless other, prior

arrangements have been made."

Anyone wanting an application can contact Sherry Byers at 405-878-4696 or at 800-227-8362, ext. 266.

*Work on a new CPN Housing Authority home in Tecumseh is nearing completion. The home will be available for purchase by a CPN member.*



### SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 28, 2003 CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

RESOLUTION POTT. #03-162 \* PROPOSED BUDGET 2003-2004

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN \$800,000.00 2003-2004 ANNUAL BUDGET FROM INTEREST ON PROGRAM MONEY FROM JUDGMENT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 3 OF THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION CONSTITUTION**

- WHEREAS,** the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a federally recognized tribe of American Indians with constitutional authority under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, (49 Stat. 1967); and
- WHEREAS,** the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the largest of the Potawatomi Indian Tribes, has, through a continuation of Potawatomi history and organized self government since time immemorial, sovereign powers inherent in tribal tradition and recognized by treaties with the United States and in the United States Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Constitution provides that according to Article 7, Section 2, "Subject to any limitations in this Constitution, and except for those powers expressly reserved to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Council by this Constitution, or delegated to another entity by this Constitution, the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is empowered to enact legislation, transact business, and otherwise speak and act on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in all matters on which the Nation is empowered to act now or in the future", except those relating to trust fund expenditures, trust land indebtedness and claims or treaties with the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the Secretary of the Interior approved the transfer of trust fund responsibility to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its wholly owned enterprise, First National Bank & Trust Co.; and
- WHEREAS,** the Secretary of the Interior approved a trust fund movement plan for First National Bank & Trust Co.; and
- WHEREAS,** the approved Plan, dated November 1996, requires annual budgets to be prepared by the Tribal Business Committee for approval by the General Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Business Committee has prepared their annual budget which will commence July 1, 2003, and end June 30, 2004.

1)	<b>REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
	(a) Land lease and acquisition	
	(b) Executive project supervision	
	(c) Travel	
2)	<b>CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PROJECT</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
	(a) Legal costs	
	(b) Printing and postage	
	(c) Executive project supervision	
	(d) Bureau of Indian affairs negotiations	
	1. Travel costs	
	2. Executive compensation	
3)	<b>ELDER CENTER OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 80,000</b>
	(a) Staff matching funds (25%)	
	(b) Executive management costs	
4)	<b>CAPITALIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.</b>	<b>\$ 220,000</b>
	(a) Small Business Loans to Tribal Members	
5)	<b>LAND ACQUISITION</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>
	(a) Legal fees, title examinations	
	(b) Executive management costs	
6)	<b>TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 130,000</b>
	(a) Investment Committee expenses	
	(b) Bank fees	
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 800,000</b>

**WHEREAS,** Savings in any one line item may be utilized for expenses involved in any of the other line items;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hereby authorizes the Election Committee to place the above budget on the ballot for consideration at the June 28, 2003 General Council Meeting.



# 2003 Election

## What's on the ballot?

Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members with current addresses on file in the tribal rolls office have received Requests for Absentee Ballots in their mailboxes. The tribal government mailed some 15,700 absentee ballot request forms on May 14.

The request forms went to all tribal members who will be 18 no later than June 28 and, therefore, are eligible to vote in this election.

The Ballot Request Form, a postcard, can be returned simply by the tribal members providing the needed information and dropping it in the mail. Postage has been prepaid.

Any tribal member who still needs a ballot request form can find one on this page of the HowNiKan.

If a tribal member obtains an absentee ballot but decides then to vote in person in Shawnee on June 28, he can do so by retaining the absentee ballot and exchanging it for an in-person ballot on Election Day.

The tribe's members will make a choice in one race - that for Business Committee Position #2. Hilton L.

Melot of Tecumseh, Okla., the incumbent, and Jim Snow, a Lexington, Okla., business owner, filed for the position.

All three Grievance Committee positions will appear on the ballot, even though each race drew just one candidate. Kathy E. Pemberton of Oklahoma City, Tanya Peltier, a Shawnee resident, and Victor Allen Cope II of Tecumseh, director of the Native American Students program in the Tecumseh schools and a minister, were elected to two-year terms on the committee.

In accordance with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation election ordinance, Pemberton's, Peltier's, and Cope's names will appear on the ballot, accompanied by the designation "unopposed." On Election Day, they will "be deemed elected to that office."

Requests for absentee ballots must be returned to the Election Committee at P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873 no later than 20 days prior to the election, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2003. Thus, that deadline is June 8, 2003.

Absentee ballot requests may be written, printed, or typed. They must include the correct mailing address, roll number, and legal signature of the person making the request.

When voting by absentee ballot, a tribal member must mark his ballot, seal it in an inner envelope and ensure that the ballot "is timely delivered."

According to the election ordinance, "Only the outer envelope shall have the

voter's name, return address, roll number and legal signature written upon it. Ballots will not be counted unless (a) legal signature is provided."

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on June 28, the day of the General Council meeting. The polling place will be the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Courtroom, which is located in the CPN Engineering Building at 41601 Hardesty Road.

### Citizen Potawatomi Nation Request For Ballot • 2003 Election

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Roll Number:

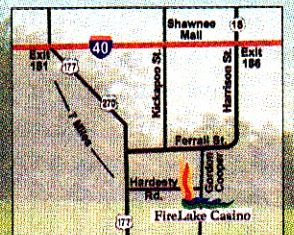
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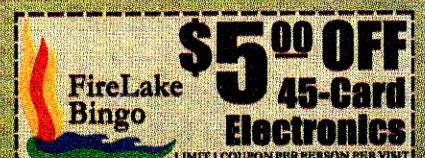
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CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION



# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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**BE SURE TO MAIL BACK YOUR BALLOT REQUEST FORM!!**

I want to thank Jim Snow for attending every Regional Council Meeting since he announced his candidacy for the Business Committee. The reason I scheduled all of the Regional Councils after the election filing period was to allow the voters who do not live around Shawnee to meet and talk to the candidates. Unfortunately, Hilton Melot has only attended one meeting, so there have been no "question and answer periods" or discussion of the issues. We desperately need to air the issues in this campaign. There are valid reasons why all three Executive Officers, Chairman John Barrett, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, and Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale, are supporting Jim Snow in the election.

Since Hilton Melot made the motion in one of last year's Business Committee Meetings and voted to give 40% of our gaming revenues for seven years (53% of the net) to a so-called contractor for financing we already had available, the people want to hear his explanation. I estimate we would have lost \$15 million on the deal. That attempt will go down in tribal history, along with the 210,000 junk truck tires he had dumped in the middle of our golf course for three years, as nearly the worst decision ever made by a Business Committee.

It rivals the one in 1984 in which Leon Bruno's Business Committee voted to take only \$120,000 per year as our minimum share of only 35% of the Bingo Hall earnings while the hall was making over \$1,000,000 per year. Luckily we were able to overturn that horrible contract in Federal Court in 1987 after losing over \$3,000,000 of tribal earnings. But he, his nephew, and a few supporters continue to express their hatred of me to this day. They are trying to start their own tribe called the "Sacred Heart Potawatomi."

I have heard questions from many of you about the criminal defamation charges that are being tried in Tribal Court against Hilton Melot and others. In the case of Hilton Melot, the criminal charge arose because he was found guilty in a civil case filed in Tribal

Court on the same charge. Since the Constitution says, in Article 6, Section 2, that "the Chairman shall see that the laws of the Tribe are faithfully enforced," what choice do I have? If I ignore it, I am in violation of the Constitution.

Here is my problem: If I ask for criminal prosecution of Hilton Melot for a crime for which he has already been found guilty in a civil case, I then get accused by his supporters of politically motivated criminal prosecution. Either way, I look like the bad guy when, actually, I have no choice but to do what the Constitution says.

I believe the criminal defamation charges are why he filed for re-election. He wants to make the charges out to be "just politics." It almost has to be the reason, since he is long past making any viable contribution in his elected office in the tribe. Hilton Melot's bitterness against Mrs. Capps and me has colored every meeting he attends. He will not speak to me. He refuses to fly on the same airplane with us on Regional Council trips, and even demands to stay in a separate hotel. Sometimes we buy the tickets for him or J.P. Motley, and then they don't show up. I think it is time for this kind of foolishness to end. I believe his rancor over not getting to be the "Tribal Administrator" and de facto Chairman with Esther Lowden acting as his "figurehead" continues to motivate his behavior. I thank God it did not happen two years ago because his history of de-

cisions for the tribe demonstrates that he is not qualified. But enough about that.

IT IS CELEBRATION TIME! EVERYBODY GET READY TO TRAVEL IN JUNE! Please know that we are really going all out to make this year's Family Reunion Festival a great new experience! We are adding more activities and facilities for both children and adults. We have finished paving new campgrounds for the campers with individual parking, camping and cooking facilities. Great improvements have been made in the RV Park. The Roundhouse will be the center of the reunion activities instead of the separate tents, but you will also still have some privacy for your family reunions. We will have a new large air conditioned pavilion building and are moving many of the activities into the main area of the Roundhouse and dance area to cut down on the "walks in the sunshine".

Please come and enjoy the new improvements and have a lot of fun with us - all you can eat and drink, dancing, sports, laughter and fun! Remember, you can bring anyone in your family, related by blood or marriage. Men, this is a great time to make your mother-in-law happy! Register ahead of time if you can. See you then. **VOTE!**



*Chairman Barrett*

Thank you for the many calls, cards, and letters since my little health scare. I am on the mend and I appreciate your concern. Your thoughts and prayers are a precious gift to me and I am humbled and grateful.

Megwetch,

John Barrett

## SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 28, 2003 CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

### GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #1

- ☐ TANYA PELTIER - Elected Unopposed

### GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #2

- ☐ KATHY E. PEMBERTON - Elected Unopposed

### GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #3

- ☐ VICTOR ALLEN COPE II - Elected Unopposed

## SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT TRIBAL ELECTION, JUNE 28, 2003 CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE #2

- ☐ JIM SNOW  
☐ HILTON L. MELOT